

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

We wanted to update you on our current situation here at the Home. As you know, we identified our first case of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) last Tuesday evening on Unit 3D. At that time, we also had 3 PUIs (Persons Under Investigation) also on Unit 3D. As of this morning, we now have two confirmed cases of COVID-19. Of the two confirmed cases, one is here at the Home (Unit 3D) doing exceptionally well and one is at Stony Brook University Hospital receiving care. As of this writing, we now have eight Persons Under Investigation (PUI). Three are on Unit 3D, one on Unit 3B and one on Unit 1A. There are also three PUI residents receiving treatment at SBU Hospital. We strongly believe that many of our current PUIs will not test positive for COVID-19, however, out of an abundance of caution and due to the fact that COVID-19 testing is now readily available, anyone who receives this test is automatically classified as a PUI. Again, I must emphasize that COVID-19 testing has become readily available and anybody showing acute symptoms will most likely be tested.

Our direct care employees are doing well and most of our non-essential employees are working from home. We continue to screen all employees (including temperature checks) on every shift. We have had only one employee test positive for COVID-19, and the employee was not a caregiver and has had no direct contact with any residents. A few other employees have been tested and have all received negative results at this time. The good news again is that testing is readily available and Stony Brook University Hospital and our Veterans Home employees have first priority.

As it relates to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), we have an adequate supply on hand (masks, shields, gowns and gloves) and more on the way. PPE availability is a non-issue for us at this time. Again, we remain in a fluid and constantly changing environment; however, we remain up to the challenge and completely committed to our mission. Some of you have reached out with specific questions and we are developing a FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) Fact Sheet for our website. We expect that document to be available early next week. In the meantime, all initial inquiries should go to your designated social worker.

Thank you from all of us for your kind thoughts and prayers. Yesterday, I spoke to all of our residents over our closed circuit television system (Channel 67). I knew that I was speaking to a group who, have faced far more stressful situations than this virus. That being said, I reminded them that we are currently in battle, and, with their ongoing help, we will again achieve victory!!!

As always, we will continue to keep you informed about our situation. Please continue to monitor our website. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Best,

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